

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, 1861-2009<sup>1</sup>

Philo Parsons . . . . .	1861-1865	Melville B. McPherson <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	1940-1945
Charles Rich . . . . .	1861-1867	Forest H. Akers . . . . .	1940-1957
Silas Yerkes . . . . .	1861-1867	Winfred G. Armstrong <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	1944-1954
Justus Gage . . . . .	1861-1869	Sarah Van Hoosen Jones . . . . .	1944-1955
David Carpenter . . . . .	1861-1871	Frederick H. Mueller . . . . .	1945-1957
Hezekiah G. Wells . . . . .	1861-1883	Ellsworth B. More <sup>10</sup> . . . . .	1948-1950
A. S. Welch . . . . .	1863-1869	Connor D. Smith . . . . .	1950-1953
Abraham C. Prutzman . . . . .	1867-1873	Arthur K. Rouse . . . . .	1954-1959
S. O. Knapp . . . . .	1867-1873	Connor D. Smith . . . . .	1954-1969
Oramel Hosford . . . . .	1869-1875	William E. Baker <sup>11</sup> . . . . .	1956-1957
J. Webster Childs . . . . .	1869-1887	C. Allen Harlan . . . . .	1957-1969
George W. Phillips . . . . .	1871-1883	Jan B. Vanderploeg . . . . .	1958-1963
A. Smith Dyckman . . . . .	1873-1879	Don Stevens . . . . .	1958-1979
Franklin Wells <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1873-1903	Frank Merriman . . . . .	1960-1975
Milton J. Gard . . . . .	1875-1881	Warren M. Huff . . . . .	1960-1977
Henry G. Reynolds . . . . .	1879-1885	Paul D. Bagwell <sup>12</sup> . . . . .	1964-1965
Thomas D. Dewey . . . . .	1881-1887	John S. Pingel <sup>12</sup> . . . . .	1964-1965
Elijah W. Rising . . . . .	1883-1889	Stephen S. Nisbet . . . . .	1964-1971
Henry Chamberlain . . . . .	1883-1897	Frank Hartman <sup>13</sup> . . . . .	1965-1973
Cyrus G. Luce . . . . .	1885-1891	Clair A. White <sup>13</sup> . . . . .	1965-1973
William B. McCreevy . . . . .	1887-1890	Kenneth W. Thompson . . . . .	1967-1975
Charles W. Garfield . . . . .	1887-1899	Blanche Martin . . . . .	1969-1985
Oscar Palmer . . . . .	1889-1891	Patricia M. Carrigan . . . . .	1971-1979
Asa C. Glidden . . . . .	1889-1895	Aubrey Radcliffe . . . . .	1973-1981
Edwin Phelps . . . . .	1891-1895	Jack M. Stack . . . . .	1973-1981
Ira Butterfield . . . . .	1893	John B. Bruff <sup>14</sup> . . . . .	1975-1983
Charles F. Moore . . . . .	1893-1899	Raymond W. Krolikowski . . . . .	1975-1983
Charles J. Monroe . . . . .	1895-1907	Michael J. Smydra <sup>15</sup> . . . . .	1977-1980
W. E. Boyden . . . . .	1895-1897	Carole Lick . . . . .	1979-1987
Arthur C. Bird . . . . .	1897-1899	Barbara J. Sawyer . . . . .	1979-1994
Thomas Frank Marston <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1897-1909	Peter B. Fletcher . . . . .	1980-1985
Edward P. Allen . . . . .	1899-1905	Elizabeth P. Howe <sup>16</sup> . . . . .	1981-1983
Hollister F. Marsh . . . . .	1899-1905	Thomas Reed <sup>17</sup> . . . . .	1981-1992
L. Whitney Watkins . . . . .	1899-1905	Bobby D. Crim <sup>18</sup> . . . . .	1983-1984
William H. Wallace <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1903-1921	Patrick J. Wilson . . . . .	1983-1989
Aaron P. Bliss . . . . .	1903-1910	Malcolm G. Dade, Jr. . . . .	1983-1991
Charles F. Moore <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1903-1905	Lawrence D. Owen . . . . .	1984-1991
Henry F. Buskirk . . . . .	1905-1907	Dean Pridgeon . . . . .	1985-1993
William J. Oberdorfer . . . . .	1905-1911	Kathleen M. Wilbur <sup>19</sup> . . . . .	1985-1991
Robert D. Graham . . . . .	1905-1919	Joel I. Ferguson . . . . .	1987-1994
Alfred J. Doherty . . . . .	1907-1919	Robert E. Weiss <sup>20</sup> . . . . .	1989-2002
I. Roy Waterbury . . . . .	1907-1921	Dolores Cook . . . . .	1991-2006
William L. Carpenter . . . . .	1909-1911	John Shingleton . . . . .	1991-1999
John W. Beaumont <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	1912-1921	Melanie Reinhold . . . . .	1991-1993
Jason Woodman . . . . .	1912-1923	Russell Mawby <sup>21</sup> . . . . .	1992-1996
Dora H. Stockman . . . . .	1920-1931	Dorothy Gonzales . . . . .	1993-2009
L. Whitney Watkins . . . . .	1920-1931	Bob Traxler <sup>22</sup> . . . . .	1993-2000
John A. Doelle <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	1921-1922	Donald W. Nugent . . . . .	1995-
Clark L. Brody . . . . .	1921-1959	Colleen M. McNamara . . . . .	1995-
Jay R. McColl . . . . .	1922-1933	David Porteous . . . . .	1996-1997
Melville B. McPherson . . . . .	1922-1933	Joel I. Ferguson . . . . .	1997-
Herbert W. Gowdy . . . . .	1924-1929	David Porteous . . . . .	1999-2006
William H. Berkey . . . . .	1930-1947	Scott Romney . . . . .	2000-2009
Matilda R. Wilson . . . . .	1932-1937	Randall Pittman . . . . .	2002-2004
Gilbert L. Daane . . . . .	1932-1937	Melanie Foster . . . . .	2005-
Benjamin H. Halstead . . . . .	1934-1939	Faylene Owen . . . . .	2007-
Charles E. Downing . . . . .	1934-1939	George Perles . . . . .	2007-
Lavina Masselink . . . . .	1938-1943	Dianne Byrum . . . . .	2009-
James J. Jakway . . . . .	1938-1943	Diann Woodard . . . . .	2009-

<sup>1</sup> Established as the Agricultural College of the State of Michigan by Act 130 of 1855, the Board of Instruction (professors and teachers) of the college acted as the first governing board of the institution. The act empowered the board to establish rules and regulations for the government of the college, subject to alteration or approval by the Board of Education.

Act 188 of 1861 reorganized the college, created a 6-member state board of agriculture to govern it, defined the board's powers and duties, and named and appointed the first board (D. Carpenter, Gage, Parsons, Wells, Yerkes, and Rich), allowing those members to determine their terms of office by lot, 2 members each serving terms of 2, 4, and 6 years. Subsequent terms were 6 years in length. With the enactment of Act 308 of 1905, the membership of the board was increased to 7.

In the Constitution of 1908, new sections 7 and 8, relative to the state board of agriculture, had the effect of making the governing body a constitutional board elected by the people instead of a statutory board appointed by the governor. *Bauer v. State Board of Agriculture*, 164 Mich. 415 (1911). The number of board members was reduced to 6. The first elected board consisted of 2 members elected to terms of 2 (W. Carpenter, Oberdorfer), 4 (Doherty, Graham), and 6 (Wallace, Waterbury) years. Subsequent vacancies were filled at the regular biennial spring election for terms of 6 years.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (*Cont.*)

In 1959, the name of the governing board of what had become Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science was changed to "board of trustees." On April 6, 1959, voters approved Joint Resolution 2 as an amendment to the Constitution of 1908.

Under the Constitution of 1963, the membership of the board of trustees was increased to 8 and members' terms were lengthened to 8 years. To facilitate the transition of board operations, Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963 extended the terms of the sitting board (Smith, Harlan, Stevens, Merriman, Huff, Nisbett) by 1 year and provided for the governor's appointment of 2 additional members to serve 1-year terms only. The election of the first board members under the provisions of the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the general election in November 1964. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Charles F. Moore July 24, 1903.

<sup>3</sup> Resigned; succeeded by William L. Carpenter May 27, 1909.

<sup>4</sup> Resigned; succeeded by John A. Doelle September 17, 1921.

<sup>5</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Henry F. Buskirk January 6, 1905.

<sup>6</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Clark L. Brody October 8, 1921.

<sup>7</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Jay R. McColl April 5, 1922.

<sup>8</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Frederick H. Mueller August 2, 1945; Mueller reappointed February 20, 1946.

<sup>9</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Connor D. Smith December 9, 1954.

<sup>10</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Connor D. Smith May 24, 1950.

<sup>11</sup> Resigned; succeeded by C. Allen Harlan October 29, 1957.

<sup>12</sup> Appointed to 1-year term January 10, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>13</sup> First members elected under Constitution of 1963, Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963, and Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>14</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Malcolm G. Dade, Jr., March 14, 1983.

<sup>15</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Peter B. Fletcher May 20, 1980.

<sup>16</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Patrick J. Wilson March 14, 1983.

<sup>17</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Russell Mawby January 1992.

<sup>18</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Lawrence D. Owen October 3, 1984.

<sup>19</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Melanie Reinhold January 18, 1991, who completed Wilbur's term ending January 1, 1993.

<sup>20</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Randall Pittman February 5, 2002.

<sup>21</sup> Resigned; succeeded by David Porteous June 19, 1996, who completed Mawby's term ending January 1, 1997.

<sup>22</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Scott Romney August 15, 2000, who completed Traxler's term ending January 1, 2001.

Sources: Archives, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962*; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; *Constitutions of the State of Michigan*; Great Seal Office, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present; Laws of Michigan; Michigan Reports, Volume 164; Public and Local Acts of Michigan*; and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Michigan State University.